

Ron Whittington to portray Hall of Famer William “Judy” Johnson at the New Castle Court House Museum on July 20, 2019

Ron Whittington as Judy Johnson

(DOVER, Del.–July 11, 2019)–On Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 1 p.m., the [New Castle Court House Museum](#), located at 211 Delaware St. in New Castle, Del., will present “History of the Negro Baseball Leagues” in which living-history interpreter [Ron Whittington](#) of the Delaware Humanities Forum Speakers’ Bureau will portray Hall of Famer [William “Judy” Johnson](#) in a program that explores the history of the Negro baseball leagues prior to Jackie Robinson’s breaking of the color barrier in the major leagues. Admission is free and open to the public but reservations are requested by calling the museum at 302-323-4453.

According to his [plaque in the National Baseball Hall of Fame](#), Johnson, who spent his childhood in Wilmington, Del. and later lived in Marshallton, Del., was “considered best third baseman of his day in Negro leagues. Outstanding as fielder and excellent clutch hitter who batted over .300 most of his career. Helped Hilldale team win three flags in row 1923 – 24 – 25. Also played for 1935 champion Pittsburgh Crawfords.”

Constructed in 1732, the New Castle Court House is one of the oldest active court buildings in the United States and was Delaware’s first state capitol. Here, the Colonial Assembly passed the 1776 Separation Resolution creating the Delaware State. During its nearly 300 years of history, this National

Historic Landmark has played pivotal roles in the political, social and commercial life of both New Castle and Delaware. The museum is a partner site in the [First State National Historical Park](#).



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